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SUMMARY: THE DANES, WHO WISH TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION
AMONG THE ALLIES OVER THE IS AND BELGIAN DRAFT SUMMIT
COMMUNIQUE, SAY THEY RECONGIZE POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN
BOTH DRAFTS AND BELIEVE THE TWO SHULD BE MARRIED OR

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THAT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE NEW LANGUAGE SHOULD BE FOUND.

SOME DOUBTS WERE VOICED AS TO THE WISDOM OF SPELLING OUT NATO'S CURRENT INTERNAL PROBLEMS. WHATEVER THE LANGUAGE, THREE ELEMENTS SHOULD STAND OUT: (1) RECONFIRMATION OF CONFIDENCE IN AND COMMITMENT TO THE ALLIANCE: (2) PRESERVATION OF THE MILITARY SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE (3) CONTINUED PURSUIT OF DETENTE. THE DANES WANT TO STAY IN THE BACKGROUND ON THIS ISSUE BUT ARE PROBABLY WILLING TO GIVE AMBASSADOR SVART CONSIDERABLE FREEDOM TO PLAY HIS HAND IN BRUSSELS AS HE SEES FIT. END SUMMARY.

1) POLCOUNDS CALLED ON MFA'S DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR, OLE BIERRING, TODAY AND MADE DEMARCHE AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL.

2) BIERRING TOOK EXPECTED POSITION THAT DANES WISHED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITHIN ALLIANCE OVER QUESTION OF SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE, THAT ELEMENTS OF BOTH THE BELGIAN AND IS DRAFTS HAD MERIT AND THAT "A MARRIAGE" OR PERHAPS A NEW DRAFT WOULD BE THE ANSWER. POLCOUNDS ASKED WHETHER THE DANES WOULD SUPPORT THE IS DRAFT AS A BASIS FOR THE DISCUSSION. BIERRING, IN EFFECT, SIDESTEPED THE QUESTION AND SAID THAT A SMALL DRAFTING COMMITTEE IN BRUSSELS SHOULD BE GIVEN A MANDATE TO COME UP WITH LANGUAGE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL. HE SAID THAT THE DANES WISH TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE ON THIS QUESTION IN ORDER TO REACH A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION.

3) BIERRING SAID THE DANES WANT TO SEE THREE ELEMENTS STAND OUT IN THE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE: (1) A MUTAL REAFFIRMATION OF CONFIDENCE IN AND COMMITMENT TO THE ALLIANCE ON THE PART OF ALL MEMBERS (THE U.S. SHOULD RENEW ITS PLEDGE AND THE EUROPEANS SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY HAVE FAITH IN THE U.S. COMMITMENT: (2) MILITARY SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE MUST BE SAFEGUARDED AND THE ALLIES SHOULD COOPERATE CLOSELY TO THIS END: AND (3) DETENTE MUST BE PURSUED IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES:

4) BIERRING SAID CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE "DIGNIFIED" BELGIAN DRAFT WERE APPEALING TO THE DANES. HE CITED, FOR EXAMPLE, SECRET

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THE CONFIRMATION THAT THE ALLIES WERE DETERMINED "TO MAINTAIN THEIR INTERNAL COHESION, TO WORK AT STRENGTHENING IT WHERE IT HAS BEEN WEAKENED, ETC." HE ALSO FOUND ATTRACTIVE, "THE PEOPLES OF THE ALLIANCE SHARE THE UNIVERSAL ASPIRATION FOR JUSTICE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS" HE CHARACTERIZED THE BREVITY OF THE BELGIAN DRAFT AND ITS "DIGNIFIED LANGUAGE" AS ACHIEVING SOMETHING OF THE TONE THAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED FROM A NATO SUMMIT CONFERENCE. POL COUNDS REITERATED THAT, ON THE

CONTRARY, IN THE US VIEW THE FORCEFULNESS AND STYLE OF THE I.S. DRAFT WERE MORE APPROPRIATE TO THE OCCASION.

5) BIERRING CONTINUED THAT THE DANES DID NOT OBJECT TO THE HORTATORY LANGUAGE IN THE I.S. DRAFT CONCERNING COOPERATION ON PROBLEMS OF FOOD, ENERGY, ETC. HOWEVER, THEY BELIEVED THAT CONSISTENT WITH THE OTTAWA DECLARATION. THERE SHOULD BE SOME RECOGNITION THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE MATTERS IS LODGED IN THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL FORA WHICH HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH THEM.

6) FINALLY, BIERRING WONDERED ALOUD WHETHER THE PROBLEMS THAT THE ALLIANCE ADMITTEDLY FACES SHOULD BE SO EXPLICITLY SPELLED OUT IN THE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE RECALLED HIS RECENT VISITS TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY AND THE SOVIET UNION. THERE HE FOUND THAT OFFICIALS IN THOSE COUNTRIES WERE UNCOMFORTABLE OVER THE IMPLICATIONS FOR DETENTE RESULTING FROM THE POSSIBLE REACTION OF THE ALLIANCE TO THE PROBLEMS POSED IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND PORTUGAL. BIERRING ASKED WHETHER THE AIRING OF THESE PROBLEMS, AS POSED IN THE I.S. DRAFT, MIGHT NOT CAUSE THE EASTERN EUROPEANS TO TAKE THEM MORE SERIOUSLY THAN THEY WOULD NOW LIKE TO. POLCOUNDS REPLIED THAT IT APPEARED TO HIM THAT A FRANK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE ALLIANCE AND AN EXPRESSION OF DETERMINATION TO SOLVE THEM WOULD HAVE A SALUTARY EFFECT ON OUR COMMON RELATIONSHIP WITH EASTERN EUROPE IN THAT IT DEMONSTRATED THAT WE WERE STRONG ENOUGH TO ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS AND WORK TO THEIR RESOLUTION. BIERRING THEN RHETORICALLY ASKED WHETHER THE I.S. EXPRESSION OF THESE PROBLEMS WAS PRIMARILY DIRECTED TOWARD THE ALLIES THEMSELVES OR TO THE WARSAW PACT NATIONS.

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7) AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DISCUSSION, BIERRING RE-EMPHASIZED THAT HIS REACTIONS HAD BEEN PRELIMINARY, THAT POSITIVE ELEMENTS EXISTED IN BOTH THE BELGIAN AND I.S. DRAFTS AND THAT THE DANES WISHED TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE IN ARRIVING AT LANGUAGE WHICH COULD BE ACCEPTED BY ALL THE ALLIES.

8) COMMENT: WE CONCLUDE THAT THE DANES WANT TO STAY VERY MUCH IN THE BACKGROUND ON THIS ISSUE BUT THAT NATO AMBASSADOR SVART ENJOYS CONSIDERABLE FREEDOM OF ACTION ON HOW TO PLAY THE DANISH HAND IN BRUSSELS.
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